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FROM NASHVILLE.

FURTHER INCIDENTS OF FEDERAL AND REBEL OCCUPATION.

THE FADING OUT OF C. S. A. NOTES IN TENNESSEE.

ASPECTS OF UNIONISM IN THE STATE.

[From our own Correspondent.]

NASHVILLE, March 3, 1861.

The St. Cloud, the St. Nicholas of Nashville, has undergone the mutations of these changing times. Lately it was the haunt of rebel officers. Floyd, and Pillow and Buckner, and their dashing aids, not many pages back on the records of mine hosts, registered their names in all the alphabetical bloom of C. S. A., and paid their bills in the scrip "redeemable on the recognition of the Southern Confederacy." Now Gen. Buell, has his headquarters here. The breakfast one could buy with Confederate scrip would not help the starved anstomy of a mosquito, and the rebels are "over the hills and far away." To finish this financial subject before I commence another, let me go on to state a few facts, for on this same hangs a tale. The St. Cloud will send me its bill for two dollars and a half per day, their old rate, in "Lincoln money." If I pay it in Tennessee State money it will be three dollars. If I carry down a hatful of Confederate notes they will gloomily refuse my patronage. The handiwork of the Southern Bank Note Company is at a discount with a vengeance. All this since Donelson. And wherever our troops are in possession, and this will shortly come to include the entire State of Tennessee, Confederate money is worthless. Can any thinking man fail to see what a crushing blow this administers to rebel finances, their issues excluded from what is the richest State of the South, abounding in the provisions and stores an army must have, and not to be obtained elsewhere in like abundance? What a crippling of the sinews of war?

Here at Nashville the Confederacy had established their chief depot of provisions. The rebel government had seized and established itself a monopoly of salt, and had gone largely into the pork packing trade. More hogs have been packed here this season than in all the rest of the South beside, a St. Louis packer named Bruce having been in the employ of the C. S. A. in charge of these operations. I cannot give you the figures for *the proprietors left before I came here*, but the city at the fall of Donelson was full of barreled and bulk meats. Much of this was hastily shipped by railroad, or sent bowling down the Murfeesboro pike as fast as impressed teams could carry it; much was given away to the people here; some was thrown into the river; and now come with me and I can show you two immense sheds containing cords of bulk meats, now being portioned out in our rations to our boys by the Gen. Subs. of the U. S. A. And our troops do the rebel packers the credit to say that they like this fresh cured article better than the more ancient and travelled staple of their own. Just at hand lie the high piles of boxes ready to receive these meats, many of which would have been labeled "Manassas" but for this failure in the provision trade.

Nashville has the same relations to the territory stretching southward to the Gulf, that Baltimore has to Virginia. The leading indigenous staple of this market is tobacco, but much cotton found its way here, and the city enjoyed in happier times an extensive trade with the Gulf States. This constitutes its tie to the fortunes of the Confederacy, and for this its mercantile men joined with scheming politicians in dragging the State into the vortex of secession. This while the bulk of the population, the middle farmers and small planters, were loyal to the Union and averse to the rebel scheme. And severely has trade paid the penalty. Go out into the streets today and see how bitter a one it is. Long ranges of wholesale stores are closed. Only a few retail shops are open, and in these little is doing. The values of moneys and goods are all afloat, since Donelson. Just before that time cotton was bought for C. S. A. notes at 7@8 cents, and tobacco at 8@9 cents. That better times have come for holders is evident even to them, confidence once restored, for fifteen cents in gold was refused for cotton yesterday by several dealers, and tobacco is not to be bought at any present price. The re-opening of trade with this section will be attended with many disadvantages that are pending this market. *First*, there are no fixed rates. *Third*, there is no settled currency. There deserves to be said a few words here to give these men credit for sagacity. The C. S. A. notes have been liberally paid out in this market, largely offering army stores, and as fast as received, the holders have made a straight wake for Cottondom and bought that staple, or farms, or mules, anything into which these rags were convertible. The Gulf States, you may be sure, are shingled over with C. S. A. notes.

Traces of rebel occupation are abundant, none more prominent than the ruins of the beautiful railroad bridge. The afternoon of the entering of our troops a squad of Louisiana cavalry swept up the bank and burned a steamer lying in the river and then left. The camps of the rebels were along the Murfeesboro turnpike, southeastward from the city, for a distance of several miles, and as I rode over the ground a day or two since, I found abundant relics of their occupancy. The city was a general hospital center for the rebels of this part of the seat of war. They used for this purpose the Medical College, the City Hospital (both large buildings), and the Female Academy. In this latter the wounded were quartered. The enemy's force was about 750 Texas Rangers under Major Ross of Texas, and their loss was 9 killed and several wounded, as we have a prisoner on board from them after the action. The coolness and bravery of our men could not be excelled, and they only are sorry that they did not have time to form on horseback.

☞ By the *Norwegian* from Europe we have news from London to the 20th Feb.

American affairs were still debated in the English Parliament. Mr. Bright made an energetic speech in condemnation of the outlay, added to the naval estimates, incurred by the policy which terminated in the surrender of Mason and Slidell. Mr. Bright evidently thinks that the game was not worth the cost charged to the British people. Lord Palmerston defended the course pursued by his Cabinet.

Earl Russell acknowledges himself satisfied with the operation of the Union Government in sinking the stone fleet off Charleston harbor. He says that the measure was merely an aid to the blockade and was not intended to be permanent. Indeed, he says that Charleston harbor could not be obliterated by artificial means, as the water will force an opening in another channel, and that Napoleon agrees with him in this opinion.

Lord Palmerston is confident that a vast deal of excellent cotton may be had from Africa, if the attention of the natives of the coast can be directed to legitimate trade. He gives the United States Government full credit for its honest endeavors to aid in the suppression of the slave trade, previous to the breaking out of the rebellion, and says he is confident they will be resumed when the war is over.

☞ There is a batch of royal candidates from Austria, Spain and Belgium for the throne of Mexico. It is also said that Gen. Prim, of the Spanish army, in imitation of Iturbide when commissioned by Spain, may appropriate it to himself. A royal Aztec, descended from a "race of kings," now living in Mexico, will also claim the crown by virtue of hereditary right. He is engaged in teaching a grammar school in one of the provinces of the republic, and his name (translated into English) is "Smoking Buckler."

☞ The Richmond *Dispatch* of the 3rd ult., states that the people of Augusta, Ga., are taking vigorous measures to obstruct the river below their city with torpedoes, to blow up our gunboats, should they succeed in passing the Savannah batteries.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

CASE OF GENERAL FREMONT.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

Speeches of Blair and Colfax.

What is Thought of his Published Defense.

COTTON LAND BILL PASSED.

VOTE OF THE SENATE UPON IT.

Gen. Pope at New Madrid.

THE TOWN INVESTED AND TO BE TAKEN.

Gen. Pillow Calls on the South to "Rush to Arms."

ROBERT TOOMBS TO COMMAND THE REBEL ARMY.

The War Policy Invasion.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE REBEL CONGRESS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, March7, 1862.

The rebel Congress have unanimously adopted a preamble and resolution, setting forth that:

WHEREAS, The United States are waging war with the avowed purpose of compelling the Confederate States to reunite with them under the same Constitution and Government, and which only tends to consolidation in one general Government and a consequent destruction of the Rights of States and of the results attained by separation; *and whereas*, the two sections can only exist together in the relation of oppressor and oppressed, because of the great preponderance of power in the Northern section, coupled with a dissimilarity of interests; therefore,

Resolved, That this Congress do solemnly declare and publish to the world the unalterable determination of the Confederate States to suffer all the calamities of a most protracted war, but never again to politically affiliate with a people guilty of an invasion of their soil and butchery of their citizens.

Mr. Faulkner denies, in a published letter, having made a Union speech at Martinsburg.

The Massachusetts Second occupy the Court House at Charlestown where John Brown was tried. The regiment, while marching thither from Harper's Ferry, broke forth in the "John Brown chorus."

It is rumored that Mr. Toombs is to be made Lieutenant General and put in chief command of the rebel army, and that he will inaugurate offensive warfare by throwing an immense military force into the free States. (?)

Practical men estimate the franchise of the Pennsylvania Avenue Railroad as worth half a million dollars annually.

Maj. Myers, the head of the signal corps, has invented a rocket which carries up a parachute and leaves it in air to descend slowly, displaying colored fires, scarlet, red and white, at intervals; the arrangement of these and the time of burning being indicative of words and phrases. Also, to facilitate night signaling, he has invented colored lights, termed asterisk signals. Successful experiments were recently made at midnight.

Mr. Foster's cotton land cultivation bill passed the Senate this morning by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Chandler, Clark, Collamer, Dixon, Fessenden, Foote, Foster, Grimes, Hale, Harlan, Howard, Howe, King, Lane, Morrill, Pomeroy, Sherman, Simmons, Sumner, Tenfkyk, Trumbull, Wade, Wilkey, Wilmot and Wilson of Mass. Total—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Browning, Carlile, Cowan, Davis, Henderson, Kennedy, McDougall, Pearce, Powell, Rice, Saulsbury, Thompson, Wilson of Md., and Wright—14.

The Senate went into executive session and then adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. GERLEY of Ohio introduced a bill to secure to pilots, engineers, sailors and crews upon the gunboats and war vessels their bounty and pension.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase coin and for other purposes.

Mr. PENDLETON of Ohio inquired of Mr. Stevens whether in his (Stevens's) opinion it was necessary to authorize the sale of the five hundred million bonds recently authorized, in order to realize sufficient coin for the payment of the interest on the debt, or could not be by next July more than forty millions on the six hundred and fifty millions of indebtedness.

Mr. STEVENS did not think it necessary, but it was found by the Secretary of the Treasury that these bonds cannot be sold, except at a great sacrifice, which he did not choose to make. Hence he suggested the passage of the bill, so that the speculation of the recently enacted United States note may not be repudiated. Mr. Stevens further added, in reply to an inquiry, that the new $500,000,000 bonds had not been issued.

Mr. PENDLETON expressed himself satisfied with the explanation, and would vote for it. He, however, deprecated the amount which was agreed to, asserting that the demand notes shall be receivable for duties on imports.

With this exception the bill was then passed as originally introduced.

Mr. HARDING of Ky. rising to an explanation, said that he had seen in the newspapers that the Chairman of the Committee on Territories had reported a bill providing for Territorial Governments in the seceding States, and for their enlargement and admission into the Union. This subject had been discussed in the public prints. He (Harding) was at a loss to ascertain how this information was obtained.

Mr. ASHLEY of Ohio, the Chairman of the Committee, informed his colleague thereon that the Committee on Territories had not reported the bill, and under instructions he (Ashley) had moved its printing and recommitment to the Committee.

Mr. HARDING said that the newspapers also said that the Senate Committee on Territories had concurred in the provisions of this bill.

Mr. ASHLEY replied that he was not aware that the committee, with the chairman of whom he had been in consultation, had come to any conclusion in respect to it. If newspapers had made a misstatement, the chairman of neither of these committees was responsible for it.

Mr. HARDING said that only four out of the nine members of the committee had agreed on this bill, and yet it was sent out as the report of the majority of the committee.

Mr. ASHLEY replied that he could not be gave printed copies to those who asked for them.

The bill to render valid and to authorize the extension of the patent granted to John S. Mine for an improvement in the manufacture of lamplack, was passed by a vote of 78 yeas to 20.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the state of the Union; the bill relating to the franking privilege being nominally under consideration.

Mr. BLAIR proceeded to speak of the Military Department of the West under General John C. Fremont.

Mr. BLAIR said a very great pressure had been brought to bear through the newspapers, to force Gen. Fremont back into a command, and to force the Administration, against its judgment, expressed after deliberation, to employ him in some one of the important departments. He (Blair) had seen it stated in telegrams that Gen. Fremont had again and again demanded a trial. This is not true.

Mr. RIDDLE of Ohio asked on what authority the gentleman made the last statement.

Mr. BLAIR, resuming, said no demand for a trial had been made, unless it has been done within the last two or three days. Gen. Fremont had not made the demand at all, for he (Blair) had taken pains to satisfy himself of the fact by enquiring at the office of the Adjutant-General, and at that of the Judge Advocate of the army. It was most extraordinary that an officer of the army, charged with duties of the most sensitive and confidential character, should not ask a trial, but should remain in command in consequence of these charges, should not ask a trial for the transportation of the mails from New York to Panama.

Mr. WADE of Ohio moved to take up the bill to provide for the occupation and cultivation of the cotton lands. The motion was agreed to by yeas 26, nays 11.

Mr. DAVIS of Ky. said some time since the Legislature of Kentucky passed a resolution requesting both his predecessor and his colleague to resign. His colleague had not resigned, and 15 days since the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Wilkinson) offered a resolution for the expulsion of his colleague. The Kentucky Legislature is now in session, and they want to know when that question is to be acted upon. If he is to be expelled, the Legislature do not want to adjourn and allow a disloyal and traitorous Governor to appoint any one to take the place of his colleague.

Mr. TRUMBULL of Ill. said the committee were doing their best, and would make a report soon.

Mr. POWELL said that he was a little surprised at the zeal of his colleague, but would only say that he (Powell) was anxious for an investigation to be had. The action of the Kentucky Legislature was a matter between himself and that Legislature. He (Powell) could make it plain to the Senate, and would do so, that his action in the last Senate was entirely in accordance with the will of the people as expressed by the resolutions, to wit: to preserve a strong neutrality in Kentucky. He (Powell) was perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the people of Kentucky at any time. He only intended to ask the attention of the Senate to a brief statement to vindicate himself, and if the committee had reported on his case and all the Senators had spoken.

Mr. CARLILE of Virginia said that he was sorry to see that Senators were determined to press this (the confiscation) bill. He did not believe that the Government held supreme control over all the lands of the country. The bill proposes to substitute a Government in place of the present masters of slaves, and to make the Government one great lordly slaveholder, with a great brood of petty agents. The provisions of the bill make humane treatment of the slaves impossible. There are slaveholders coming here to us from the mountains of the white race who have been turned out of their homes, and these appeals have more force for him (Carlile) than any that could come from the negro. This bill will take from the Treasury immense sums of money which could be better used in the scheme of colonization.

Mr. PEARCE of Md. thought the bill impracticable and a most extraordinary political blunder. The money that it would cost the Government to provide for these indigent persons would make the treasury more indigent than at any time before. The camp fires within a few days last have materially increased, showing a considerable augmentation of the rebel force in this vicinity. The rebels opened fire upon the Budd Ferry battery this morning. About twenty or thirty shots were fired, without doing any damage. The steamer Yankee to-day went in within half a mile of the Virginia shore, and shelled a new battery in process of erection in the rear of the position of their old battery at Freestone Point. The rebels were forced to evacuate.

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A firm in Van Buren has put in circulation $15,000 worth of due bills ranging from 25 cents to $2.50, being impelled thereto by the great scarcity of change in that section of the country.

GEN. POPE'S COLUMN.

New Madrid Invested—Our Troops Confident of Victory—Constant Skirmishing.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—A special dispatch to the *Democrat* says a gentleman who left Gen. Pope's command yesterday, states that the rebels at New Madrid have between 5,000 and 10,000 men, and four gunboats anchored off the town. It has been completely invested by our forces. Some skirmishing had ensued. Several of our men had been killed by the shells thrown from the rebel gunboats, when they were within range. Our officers are confident of an easy and complete victory if the enemy's gunboats are driven away.

It is reported that the enemy are fortifying Savannah on the Tennessee river.

Some of the rebel anchors, left at Columbus, have been appropriated to complete the equipment of our gunboats.

The reports from Charleston, Mo., say our forces are constantly skirmishing with Jeff. Thompson, and that three or four of the latter's men are captured daily.

Nashville open to Trade.

LOUISVILLE, March 7.—Military restriction on trade between Northern ports and Nashville has been removed.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The New York *Tribune's* Washington correspondent telegraphs that the following statement of the strength and disposition of the rebel forces opposed to the Union army of the Potomac was perfectly accurate four days ago. Changes have probably occurred since, but the main facts must still correspond with the figures: At Centreville, which is the strong point of the rebels, there are 50,000 infantry, 11,000 cavalry and 120 pieces of cannon, light and heavy. Behind the batteries along the Potomac, there are from 12,000 to 15,000 men.

At Gum Spring, between Leesburg and Centerville, there are three regiments of infantry with a squadron of cavalry. At Leesburg there are three regiments of infantry, one battery and four hundred cavalry. At a point 5 miles south of Brentsville, that is to say some 15 miles south of Manassas, there is one brigade of infantry of 3,500 men. These forces do not include any part of Jackson's army forming the enemy's left wing, against which Gen. Banks is operating at Harper's Ferry. There is not a full regiment, whole companies, even regiments, having gone home on furloughs of ten, twenty and thirty days. All of the troops from South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana have gone home within the past two or three weeks. Very few of the men whose term of service has expired are re-enlisting.

The *Herald's* dispatch says the gunboats Satellite and Island Belle discovered on Wednesday a number of rebel cavalry in Occoquan Creek and fired a few shell, when the rebels ran away, and the steamers returned. A brisk fire was opened this morning by the lower Batteries, causing great alarm among the rebels. The long roll was beaten, commencing at Aquia Creek and extending along up the river as far as Evansport. The call of the roll extended through a greater number of camps than at any time before. The camp fires within a few days last have materially increased, showing a considerable augmentation of the rebel force in this vicinity. The rebels opened fire upon the Budd Ferry battery this morning. About twenty or thirty shots were fired, without doing any damage. The steamer Yankee to-day went in within half a mile of the Virginia shore, and shelled a new battery in process of erection in the rear of the position of their old battery at Freestone Point. The rebels were forced to evacuate.

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A firm in Van Buren has put in circulation $15,000 worth of due bills ranging from 25 cents to $2.50, being impelled thereto by the great scarcity of change in that section of the country.

GEN. POPE'S COLUMN.

New Madrid Invested—Our Troops Confident of Victory—Constant Skirmishing.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—A special dispatch to the *Democrat* says a gentleman who left Gen. Pope's command yesterday, states that the rebels at New Madrid have between 5,000 and 10,000 men, and four gunboats anchored off the town. It has been completely invested by our forces. Some skirmishing had ensued. Several of our men had been killed by the shells thrown from the rebel gunboats, when they were within range. Our officers are confident of an easy and complete victory if the enemy's gunboats are driven away.

It is reported that the enemy are fortifying Savannah on the Tennessee river.

Some of the rebel anchors, left at Columbus, have been appropriated to complete the equipment of our gunboats.

The reports from Charleston, Mo., say our forces are constantly skirmishing with Jeff. Thompson, and that three or four of the latter's men are captured daily.

Nashville open to Trade.

LOUISVILLE, March 7.—Military restriction on trade between Northern ports and Nashville has been removed.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 7, 1862.

SENATE.

The Message of the President suggesting the passage of a joint resolution providing for co-operation with any State for the abolition of slavery with pecuniary compensation, was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. SUMNER of Mass. presented a memorial signed by many prominent merchants of New York, asking that immediate action be taken for the transportation of the mails from New York to Panama.

Mr. WADE of Ohio moved to take up the bill to provide for the occupation and cultivation of the cotton lands. The motion was agreed to by yeas 26, nays 11.

Mr. DAVIS of Ky. said some time since the Legislature of Kentucky passed a resolution requesting both his predecessor and his colleague to resign. His colleague had not resigned, and 15 days since the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Wilkinson) offered a resolution for the expulsion of his colleague. The Kentucky Legislature is now in session, and they want to know when that question is to be acted upon. If he is to be expelled, the Legislature do not want to adjourn and allow a disloyal and traitorous Governor to appoint any one to take the place of his colleague.

Mr. TRUMBULL of Ill. said the committee were doing their best, and would make a report soon.

Mr. POWELL said that he was a little surprised at the zeal of his colleague, but would only say that he (Powell) was anxious for an investigation to be had. The action of the Kentucky Legislature was a matter between himself and that Legislature. He (Powell) could make it plain to the Senate, and would do so, that his action in the last Senate was entirely in accordance with the will of the people as expressed by the resolutions, to wit: to preserve a strong neutrality in Kentucky. He (Powell) was perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the people of Kentucky at any time. He only intended to ask the attention of the Senate to a brief statement to vindicate himself, and if the committee had reported on his case and all the Senators had spoken.

Mr. CARLILE of Virginia said that he was sorry to see that Senators were determined to press this (the confiscation) bill. He did not believe that the Government held supreme control over all the lands of the country. The bill proposes to substitute a Government in place of the present masters of slaves, and to make the Government one great lordly slaveholder, with a great brood of petty agents. The provisions of the bill make humane treatment of the slaves impossible. There are slaveholders coming here to us from the mountains of the white race who have been turned out of their homes, and these appeals have more force for him (Carlile) than any that could come from the negro. This bill will take from the Treasury immense sums of money which could be better used in the scheme of colonization.

Mr. PEARCE of Md. thought the bill impracticable and a most extraordinary political blunder. The money that it would cost the Government to provide for these indigent persons would make the treasury more indigent than at any time before. The camp fires within a few days last have materially increased, showing a considerable augmentation of the rebel force in this vicinity. The rebels opened fire upon the Budd Ferry battery this morning. About twenty or thirty shots were fired, without doing any damage. The steamer Yankee to-day went in within half a mile of the Virginia shore, and shelled a new battery in process of erection in the rear of the position of their old battery at Freestone Point. The rebels were forced to evacuate.

The *World's* dispatch says Mrs. Wm. Morris and Mrs. Rogers, ladies occupying a high social position in Baltimore, were brought here to-day, and placed in prison on a charge of supplying the enemy with aid, and giving them important information. Both have sons in the rebel army, and were prominently connected with an association in Baltimore for the manufacture of clothing for the rebel soldiers.

The city has been excited recently with rumors respecting the movements of the enemy at Manassas. It is said that they have concentrated a much larger army at that point than has generally been supposed. As it is impossible to save anything at the West, what troops were there have been hurried into Virginia. It is even said Beauregard is back again at his old post.

FROM CAIRO.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, March 7, 1862.

There is little news worth telegraphing today. Transports are constantly arriving and departing with troops and subsistence. The highway of travel up the Cumberland and Tennessee is now thoroughly established, and boats are running regularly, making daily trips.

Everything is quiet at Columbus. No further danger of attack is feared, the town being guarded by gunboats, mortarboats and troops.

It is expected that the rebels will make a stand at Island No. Ten, and to this end they are strongly fortifying.

Nothing has been heard from Gen. Pope today.

Large numbers of new boats are coming in from St. Louis and other points up the river, in view of the facilities afforded by the opening of the rivers.

It was the 43d Illinois regiment, and not the 58d, that accompanied the Columbus expedition.

The body of Sergeant-Major S. S. Smith, of the 14th Iowa regiment, killed at Fort Donelson, passed through here last evening.

Fourteen deserters from the Confederate army, found concealed in cellars at Columbus, were brought here last night by Col. Buford.

Large gangs of men are engaged upon the repairs of the gunboats. A short time will see them repaired. The utmost activity prevails in every part of Commodore Foote's fleet.

Capt. Duff's battery went to Columbus last night.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, March 7, 1862.

The Convention incorporated several new sections into the bill of rights. One declaring that private property when taken for public use shall be assessed by a jury and no deductions for benefits to the owner shall be made, and the same principal is applied to property taken for private roads.

Fifteen Grand Jurors are required to be summoned instead of twenty-three, and twelve must concur.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to give the accused the closing argument on trial before the court.

Wentworth's amendment to the bill of rights, introduced by Mr. Thornton, allowing one change of venue when life or liberty is involved, was tabled by yeas 82, nays 17.

Section one of Elections and Right of Suffrage was adopted from the old Constitution, with immaterial amendments. The article in regard to counties occupied the afternoon. That portion of section one prohibiting county lines from being located within ten miles of a county seat was stricken out, and the area four hundred miles square retained.

A substitute was adopted for section two providing that no new county shall be created unless the territory to be erected into a county shall have 10,000 inhabitants, and 10,000 inhabitants left in the original county.

Pending the discussion on section 4, the Convention adjourned.

FROM TENNESSEE RIVER.

Lieut. Gwin's Last Trip up the River —What he saw of the Union Feeling.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—A special dispatch to the *Democrat*, from Cairo, says that Lieut. Gwin, of the gunboat Tyler, reached there last night from the Tennessee River. The enemy had not resumed their attempts to fortify Pittsburgh landing. Lieut. Gwinn landed under a flag of truce and was permitted to go a mile from the river, before being stopped by the enemy's pickets. His object was to obtain an exchange of prisoners which had been taken last Saturday. On the morning after the engagement nine dead bodies and one hundred wounded were found in the enemy's encampment, which had been removed three miles from the river after the engagement. Lieut. Gwin thinks their loss was 10,000 killed and wounded. The force engaged was 1,000 infantry, 500 cavalry, and 6 pieces of artillery.

At Corinth, Miss., eighteen miles from the Tennessee river, the enemy had 15,000 to 20,000 troops. At Henderson Station, nine miles from the Tennessee river, were 10,000 or 12,000, and at Bear Creek Bridge, seven miles back of Eastport, Miss., were 8,000 or 10,000 more.

They are also reported to be fortifying Chickasaw, Ala.

The result of the recent elections in Hardin and McNairy counties show the strength of the Union sentiment of Southern Tennessee. The former gave 500 out of 1,000 votes for the Union candidate, and the latter 300 majority out of 1,800 votes.

Lieut. Gwin says the cry of the people is, "Send us arms and sufficient force to protect an organization, and we will drive the rebels out of Tennessee ourselves."

The second visit to Columbus reveals many facts of interest. Col. Buford, who has made a complete examination of the earthworks, says they are six miles long.

FROM MISSOURI.

Some Arkansas Matters.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—Lieut. E. Moore, Aide-de-camp to Gen. Prentiss, arrived to-day from

The Tribune.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1862.

THE CONTRABANDS OF FORT ROYAL.

Political economists may write, and politicians may discuss theories with regard to the great question of our age, or each may, as too many of both classes are still doing, avoid the question altogether, but meanwhile resistless as the advance of the glacier, it is steadily being pushed forward in the march of events—*what shall be done with the black man?* Avoided altogether he cannot be. The priest and Levite that would pass by on the other side are finding him in their path wherever their feet are turned, for new and direct phases are presented which were unforeseen, while as yet the rebellion was undeveloped. It was easy enough to say "let the nigger alone" so long as the masters were all loyal under the Union, for upon them devolved the responsibility of his provender, clothing, breeding and sale. The small margin of malcontent blacks who proved rebellious and fugacious from a care so comprehensive were, to be sure, an evil, but of no serious magnitude. So Humanity and Religion congratulated each other at a release from such considerations. But now the matter comes up in quite another form. The picture that gave us the patriarchal South Carolina Abraham, with his dusky Hagars and their yellow Ishmaels, sleek and contented, now reveals Abraham on his travels, with his bondmen deserted.

The inquiry now is not in reference to persons to be made free, but of persons now free who ask "What do you mean to do with us?" Our armies have seized two hundred plantations in South Carolina, where 20,000 unregarded and unpitied negroes appeal to our sympathies. These persons by their masters' own abandonment are fairly free, and will never again come to be slaves to their former masters, or to any living man. That curse is rolled away from them for ever.

And what is to be done with them? They are men, women and children, some of them with the best blood of the South in their veins. The admixture has, to be sure neither heightened nor diminished their merely human wants. The desolations of war are upon and around them in the helplessness to which Chattelism reduces its victims. The man who cannot even own his own offspring is poor indeed, and the patriarchs in exile have made no provision for them. Even their poor peck of corn per week is denied them between the torch of the retresting masters and the necessities of the army. Their condition is shown by the following from official sources:

"Upon two of the islands there is, comparatively, a supply. Upon the others there is almost nothing; and at this moment there is actual starvation among some of them. No less than one hundred cattle have been taken from a single plantation for beef for the troops. With their only suit of clothing worn to tatters, and that, as they are in a state of dire necessity. A few of them are employed upon two of the islands by the Government, where they receive a pittance, but upon the other islands they must perish if not relieved. Were previsions for sale they are penniless, and by April there will not be a mouthful of food for any of them."

This is the aspect taken by the great question of the age, not gradually developed, but bursting upon us the first fruitage of the rebellion. We are glad to notice the spirit in which the matter has been received by the public in Eastern cities, where large meetings have been held, comprising the best and most intelligent portions of society almost irrespective of differences of politics and creed.

The National Relief Association has been formed, with a managing committee of twelve. Auxiliary committees have been asked for in other cities, who will work in harmony with the New York Committee. Secretary Chase has approved the plan, and Messrs. French and Lee have sailed for Port Royal, with about forty male and female teachers and superintendents, under the auspices of the Association. The generous West, with all its sacrifices for the war, will not be left behind in this great work, and should not. Chicago and her sister cities have been wont to respond liberally to relieve the suffering, and burdened as our citizens are by the war that slavery has brought upon us, they will not turn deaf ears to the cry that comes to us from the life-long victims of the monster iniquity, now released to commence a new and progressive stage of existence. Let there be a movement of our communities in this direction.

THE ARITHMETIC OF SECESSIA.

Great and painful have been the yearnings of the Southern mind for a release from its dependence upon the North for the necessaries and luxuries that sustain and dignify humanity, such comprising, in this case, nearly everything but negro whipping and manstealing, the latter about the only arts that have flourished in Dixie's pleasant land; not to forget the process of negro-bleaching the highest achievement of southern science. Born of such vast yearning, like the sale of monkies from their necessities, are coming to light results that could scarcely have been hoped for in so short a time. We have recently given our readers encouraging proofs of the advancement of the purely Southern muse, the cupfulls from the coveted Hellcon that is to flow hard by the throne of the Southern Dagon, having no connection with Northern streams polluted by the songs of Whittier and Longfellow and other bards who have too often in their poet's eye that fateful image, which has become enrolled among the Southern furies; we refer to the symbolic female who wears the Roman cap of *Liberty*. A purely Southern literature has been wanted, of all classes from the religious Sambo and Toney to the romance of millenial Southern life, where the lion lies down with the lamb, gets the lion's share, as a master should, and if we may borrow the irreverent phrase, the "*lam*" falls liberally to the portion of Sambo.

But most of all were desired purely Southern school books. Dictionaries that were not too florid in definitions of the word Liberty, were very gentle on the synonyms for Emancipation, and softened the explanations of the word Slave. Was it not time, when both Webster and Worcester had committed all these unabridged outrages upon the nascent Southern mind. The muse of History was also to be evoked. There were certain old records of early Virginia, peopled by the offscourings of London stews, and South Carolina, with its early portion in life of needy adventurers, seedy younger sons, and broken down soldiers of fortune. This must be amended in the school histories for Southern youth, who were further to be guarded against injurious contact with the world's records of Manumission. Then, too, the School Readers were pernicious, and the books of Declamations and school Dialogues little short of firebrands, since compilers would not abstain from incendiary rantings about Freedom, and even admitted Cowper, and Wadsworth, and Whittier, into their pages. This, of course, was not to be borne. Nor were geographies more tolerable that gave the lie in all their pages to their indigenous Debow, indulged in neat wood cuts of thriving Northern villages, and, for illustrations of Southern life, gave wide expanses of cane and cotton fringed with low cabins, enlivened with a nigger driver and his knotted cat, or cane brakes, with a foreground of alligators. Not to be borne at all, of course.

But the culmination of Southern achievement in the line of school books, comes in a pioneer effort at arithmetical reform. Think of the genius that has conceived a purely Southern Algebra. Of this we started out to speak. It was the work of no less than a military officer, one Major D. H. Hill, of whom it is painful to add, since it is an early quenching of a great Southern light, that he fell into the mediocre hands of Gen. Burnside at Roanoke. It was left for this Major to combine patriotism and mathematics, and reduce purely Southern sentiment to blackboard and slate and pencil demonstration. Thesu from Hill's Algebra.

"Thadeus mines a certain quantity of wheat, sufficient to fill a number of bags of a certain size. Hill, with a quantity of red oatmeal, worth $2 per bushel.

"A Northern railroad is assessed $120,000 damages for contusions and broken limbs caused by a collision of cars, &c., &c.

"The years in which the Governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut are elected, and the messages to their Legislatures is numbered by four digits, &c."

"The battle-field of Buena Vista is 6¼ miles from Saltillo. Two Indiana volunteers ran away from the field of battle at the same time, &c."

We wish for Major Hills' early release on his] parole of honor to devote himself to school books of this stamp. His ideas might be extended to cover the whole range of the science of numbers. It is hardly to be expected that any such problems as the following will commend themselves to him. Say for young beginners:

"Four rebel Generals were in command at Fort Donelson, two ran away. How many were left?

"A Confederate treasury note will buy two cans of glycerine. How many will four buy next year?

"Simms was the sole great savan of C. S. A., until Maury was added. How many has the Confederacy now?

"There were thirteen States set off to the Confederacy by Bull Run Russell. How many are left? (Intended to foster a purely Southern genius.)

We might thus go on indefinitely in a direction Major Hill assuredly will never take. But there are problems that surely should invite his earliest attention. What more practical problem for the study of young Virginia than that which has been the pursuit of old Virginia this half century. It might be neatly introduced into a neat question of Geometrical Progression, the number of pickaninnies for the Southern market to be derived from Dinah and her progeny in twenty-five years. But we pause. Let Major Hill get up his purely Southern Science of Numbers at once.

Retrenchment in Public Expenses.

The heavy burden of taxation which the people will hereafter for some years be obliged to bear on account of the war, warns them to greater economy in public as well as private expenses, and beginning with Congress, the work of "cutting down" salaries and fees has now nearly run through the list of Federal, State and Municipal functionaries. It will be interesting to gather some information on this point—how much will be saved to the people every year. It is not expected that enough will be saved to equalize the new Federal taxation, but if that is heavy, the saving elsewhere is also enormous. The Legislature of Kentucky has been devising how it may save $200,000 on salaries, jury fees, etc. Cincinnati has reduced the salaries of municipal officers $40,000. The State of Ohio cuts off twenty per cent. everywhere—a saving of several hundred thousand. Iowa makes a reduction of about $66,000 in salaries and fees. The Massachusetts and New York Legislatures are hard at work on the same subject of retrenchment. Lucrative civil offices will not be the order of politics for some years. We have not the figures at hand, but believe the expenses of our popular governments—Federal, State and local—have been estimated at some $300,000,000 annually. Twenty per cent. is an assistance of fifty millions towards the Federal tax, or equal to about one-third of it.

From Camp Dubois, at Jonesboro.

The regiments of Colonels Thomas W. Harris (54th), and Silas C. Toler (60th), organized at Jonesboro, Ill., for what has been popularly known as the "Kentucky brigade," have moved to Cairo, having each been filled up to the full number of 1,000 men by drafts from the regiments of Colonels Moro and True, at the same camp. These two regiments still remain, however, about 500 men each, and expect to be in the field not later than the 1st of April. Colonel McCarty continues to be in command of Camp Dubois. The organization of the 54th and 60th regiments is as follows:

SIXTY-FOURTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS.

Colonel—Thomas W. Harris, Shelbyville.
Lieut. Colonel—Granville Mitchell, Mattoon.
Major—A. J. Chapman, Charleston.
Quartermaster—Joseph Monroe, Charleston.
Captains—Woodruff, of Pana; Monroe, of Madison; Logan, of Douglas county; Priddy, of Fayette county; Hannah, of Paris; Roesler, of Shelby county; Belamy, of Clark county; Odear, of Edgar county; Soddy, of Vandalia; and Boatman, of Douglas county.

SIXTY-FIFTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS.

Colonel—Silas C. Toler, Jonesboro.
Lieutenant Colonel—Wm. B. Anderson, Mount Vernon.
Major—Samuel Hess, Vienna.
Quartermaster—C. Crouch, McLeansboro.
Captains—Samuel Dana; Evans, of Vienna; Goddard, of Vienna; McDonald, of Grayville; Bailey of McLeansboro; Frizzel, of Jonesboro; Allen, of McLeansboro; Moss, of Mount Vernon; May, of Claremont; Reagains, of Golconda.

Colonel Harris of the 54th, and Quartermaster Crouch, of the 60th, were members of the last Legislature. Both regiments are essentially "Egyptian," and have been filled up recruits North of the line of the Ohio and Mississippi railroad. They are mostly Democrats, and all good Union men.

The Latest Kansas Imbroglio.

The Kansas Legislature voted to adjourn on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and the Senate, having the impeachment cases before it, is to meet in June, as a special court for the trial of Gov. Robinson, the Secretary of State and the Auditor. Gov. Robinson threatened to veto the bill convening the Senate in June, as also the appropriation bill which included an item to pay expenses of the trial, but the State Attorney General told him very sharply that he dare not do it, and it was not expected he would. The Senate has made a good preparation for the trial by ousting four of its number who held military commissions under Gov. Robinson, and by so much the more are the chances improved that the impeached officers will be removed. Senator Stevens, of Lawrence, the accomplice of Robinson in the $50,000 fraud, has also yet been expelled, and it may be difficult to make a case against him for that purpose. We extract a "Robinson nugget" from the Topeka correspondence of the Leavenworth *Conservative*:

The House had up the appropriation bill to-day, (Feb. 25,) and the first punch that was made at it was to strike out the item "secret service fund, to be used by the Governor, one thousand dollars." The manner in which our members dodged the item with speed, and

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ILLINOIS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SPRINGFIELD, March 6, 1862.

MUNICIPAL ARTICLE.

Mr. Wall, from the committee on municipal corporations, reported an article providing that municipal corporations may be formed under general laws, which shall be uniform throughout the State, but the general assembly shall not pass private laws, or alter in any way alter, any act for the incorporation of any town, city or village by special laws, except in cases of cities having a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants or upwards.

The report was ordered to be printed, and made the special order for Monday next.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Article XII, of the constitution, which refers to amendments to the constitution, was not materially amended, except in providing for the submission to the people of the next amended constitution.

Section two of the article is the same as it stands in the present constitution, except that it provides that the general assembly shall not have power to propose an amendment or amendments to more than two articles of the constitution at the same session. The section in the present constitution provides that but one article shall be submitted at the same session.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION AND ADJUSTMENT.

A resolution was introduced instructing the above Committee to report, by printed copy and order, two hundred copies thereof for the use of the House.

BILL OF RIGHTS ARTICLE.

This article was taken up and adopted, except the following sections:

Section 6, which provides that the right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate.

Section 10, which provides that no person shall be held for a criminal offense unless he shall be indicted by a grand jury.

Section 15, providing for sureties in criminal cases, except capital offenses.

Section 15, providing that no person shall be imprisoned for debt unless he shall refuse to deliver up his property to his creditors.

An abortive attempt was made to strike out the anti-dueling oath, section 25, against dueling, which was lost by yeas 19, nays 29.

Section 26. The celebrated dueling oath was then taken up. It is as follows:

SEC. 26. That from and after the adoption of this constitution, every person who shall be elected or appointed to any office of profit, trust or emolument, civil or military, legislative, executive or judicial, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, in addition to the oath prescribed in this constitution, take the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I have not fought a duel, nor sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel, the probable issue of which might have been the death of either party, nor been a second to either party, nor in any manner aided or assisted in such duel, nor have I given or accepted a challenge or acted as bearer of such challenge or acceptance, since the adoption of the constitution of Illinois; I will not be so engaged or concerned, directly or indirectly, in or about any such duel, during my continuance in office as long as I live."

It was stricken out by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen of Jersey, Anthony, Armstrong, Bartley, Brooks, Burr, Burns, Childs, Eades, Edwards, Ferry, Ficklin, Finnie, Fuller, Gale, Graham, Hanna, Koepli, Lieth, Manning, McNeely, Morrill, Navarro, Newcomer, Paddock, Parker, Purple, Reily, Singleton, Solomon, Starne, Stevenson, Stinson, Templeton, Thornton, Vandervere, Wall, Waters, Webber, Young, Mr. President—41.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen of Monroe, Bond, Bross, Campbell, Caldwell, Dement, Frank, Fleming, Gard, Greenbaum, Hacker, Jamison, Jaquess, Joslyn, Koepli, Lawrence, Morton, Mahler, Naramore, Newcomer, Paddock, Purple, Sheldon, Simmons, Thompson, Templeton, Waters, Webber, Weigley, Wilson—30.

Slave-catching in the District of Columbia.

[From the Washington Republican, 28th.]

While both Houses of Congress are discussing measures for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, the business of slave-catching flourishes in our midst as usual, and persons are arrested on the mere presumption of color as being fugitives from labor. A case in point occurred the other night at Justice Donn's office. On the night in question, about ten o'clock, a country officer applied to Justice John P. Johnson, Justice Donn not being in his office, for a search warrant in the case of a negro woman arrested by officer A. P. L. Kesse, on suspicion of being a runaway slave. That Justice refused to make out a commitment. After a commitment was declined, the officer returned to the office of Justice Johnson, and inquired of the Justice whether color was not prima facie evidence of slavery. The Justice replied that he could not determine the question as to whether a free negro was taken or free on the presumption of color, as he was well known that there were free men of color as well as slaves. A gentleman (whom also being present) who was officiating in Justice Johnson's office, then drew the officer aside, and passed some remark, when Justice Donn's office, for the purpose of seeing what was the matter. Kesse had the woman in a little back room, and he ordered her to be brought out. She complained by the officer placing handcuffs upon her. The gentleman, upon attempting to enter the front room, was met by Kesse, who asked him, in a very insulting manner, what business he had to come in and interfere with a policeman in the discharge of his duties, and ordered him out. The gentleman, after receiving further abuse from Kesse, left the office.

A little while after, the reporter of this paper came in to Justice Johnson's office, and learning that something was going on in Justice Donn's office, went and knocked at the door, which was locked. An officer came to the door and unlocked it, and he entered the room. Upon attempting to enter the back room, he was met by Kesse, who refused to admit him, coming out at the same time and closing the door. The reporter asked him what sort of a case he had, whether it was a criminal case. The officer replied that it was no criminal case, yet refusing to give any satisfaction, promising upon the next day to give him the full particulars of the case, and to him alone. Our reporter, who knew well what was going on, asked him what necessity there was for so much secrecy, and requested to see the woman, when he met with a flat refusal. He then told Kesse that he knew the facts of the case, and left the office. About an hour after, the negro woman was taken away from the office by Kesse, but where to, our reporter could not ascertain.

Thus, under the very nose of Congress, at midnight, are colored men and women arrested by white men, and lodged in jail on the mere suspicion of being runaway slaves; that suspicion being based merely upon their color. The negroes, in this case, have to lie, are kept there for months, and in some cases for years.

Thirty of these poor creatures, who were confined in the Slave Pen on suspicion of being refugees from the tyranny and iniquity of slavery, were released a few weeks since by order of the Secretary of State. Some of them had been confined in the loathsome place for over a year, and, could they have had an opportunity to prove their right to liberty, would have been able to do so. But the privilege was denied them.

Several gentlemen who were in Justice Johnson's office at the time, represent the cries and imprecations of the poor woman to have been most piteous and heartrending, and the earnestness with which she asserted to her captors that she was a free woman, would at once have convinced anybody but the brute who had her in custody, that her assertion was correct.

Gen. Lane to the Kansas Legislature.—He Declines his Military Appointment.

[From the Topeka (Kansas) Record, 1st.]

The following note was received from Gen. Lane last evening, addressed to the members of the Legislature:

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, Feb. 26, '62.

SIR:—There should be a perfect understanding between you, the local Representatives of the people of Kansas, and your Representatives in the National Congress. To this end I make the following statements:

On the 20th of January I left Washington, expecting to take command of a column designed to move in four separate bodies through this State, and

It was understood by the Senate, and expected by the country, that a satisfactory arrangement would be made with Major-General Hunter. Such was my conviction.

I came to Kansas, therefore, intending to arrange matters with him; to resign my seat in the Senate to you, from whom I had received it, and to tender to the President of the acceptance of the commission of Brigadier General, which was not to issue until the receipt of such notification.

I made this effort which self-respect would permit to effect this arrangement with Major-General Hunter. I failed. The correspondence will be laid before you. From it you will learn that I could not have served under him in any capacity, however subordinate, without degradation.

I had no military ambition beyond that connected with this expedition. I desired to surround the institution of slavery with free Territory, and thus girdle the cause of the rebellion itself. I shall do my part, and I believe, I have been thwarted in this, the cherished hope of my life.

The sad yet simple duty only remains to announce to you, and through you to the people of Kansas, my purpose to return to my seat in the United States Senate—a purpose declared to the President through a telegram of which the following is a copy:

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, Feb. 16, 1862.

All efforts to harmonize with Major General Hunter have failed. I am compelled to decline the Brigadier Generalship.

I have nothing further to say. I trust you will find me as ever faithful to the State and the country. All I am and all I have shall now be given to the cause of the Union.

Wishing you health, happiness, and a safe return to your constituents,

I remain your friend and servant,

J. H. LANE.

Missionaries for Port Royal—Stores and Teachers for the Contrabands.

[From the N. Y. Eve. Post, 26.]

The steamer Atlantic will sail to-day for Port Royal, with a large cargo of army stores for our troops, and about sixty persons who accompany Mr. Edward L. Pierce, the government agent in charge of the plantations and contrabands at Port Royal. These persons were all appointed by the National Freedmen's Relief Association and its auxiliary, the Educational Commission, at Boston. Three-fourths of the whole number are men, who are to be the superintendents of the abandoned estates and will direct the labors of the negroes, who are to be employed in such agricultural pursuits as cotton-culture and raising vegetables for their own support and for the use of the army at that point.

Twelve or fifteen of the passengers are ladies, who will become teachers of an industrial school, which will be at once established at Port Royal, under the superintendence of Rev. M. French, of this city. Mrs. Senator Harlan, of Iowa, is among the ladies, and will assist in some department of the work. Rev. Dr. Floy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, is a passenger by the Atlantic, going out for the purpose of preparing for missionary efforts among the negroes.

A portion of the superintendents and teachers who are employed under the regulations, so far as the Government is concerned, explained in Mr. Chase's letter to the "contraband" agent, printed on the first page of to-day's Tribune, receive compensation from the associations in this city and Boston; but some are volunteers. Among the number are men of education and some professional men. There are several physicians and one or two clergymen. Quite a number, especially of those from Boston, have been teachers, and are literary graduates; others of them are quite familiar with agricultural operations.

About three thousand dollars worth of agricultural implements, including plows, hoes, and others in most common use have been purchased by Mr. Pierce, and will be taken to Port Royal in the Atlantic. He takes also a quantity of seeds, which have been contributed from the Patent Office at Washington; as well as some medicines, and other necessary articles.

From this city forty barrels and boxes of clothing, seven or eight boxes of shoes, and two sewing machines, are sent for the use of the negroes from the Association in this city. The sewing machines will be used in the Industrial School. Besides those, a large number of boxes and packages of all sorts containing contributions for the contrabands and from many persons, were put on board the Atlantic.

From Boston, about twenty-five boxes of clothing, with many barrels of goods and "notions," have been forwarded.

All the superintendents and teachers were requested to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, previous to going aboard the steamer, and to be provided with certificates from the collector of the port, and, it is understood, passes from the Assistant Quartermaster-General in this city.

There was much excitement among the passengers, as many had not provided themselves with the requisite papers, and could not, of course, proceed without having it. Mr. Barney stationed at the dock, and with the aid of a bible, writing materials and an impromptu table, constructed from trunks, administered the oath to all applicants and perfected the papers of some who otherwise would have been left behind.

A few persons who styled themselves "non-residents" were rejected by Mr. Pierce on that ground. No man who would not, in case of necessity, fight for his country was permitted to go to Port Royal to assist in the management of the contrabands.

State Bank of Indiana.

[From the Indianapolis Journal.]

We give the following facts as to the protesting of the notes of the Branch of the Bank of the State at this city, last week, that our readers may understand the cause.

On the 28th day of February E. G. Burkham & Co., principal owners and managers of the Branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana at this place, brought to the Branch $70,328 in the form of the Company's notes, for redemption, for which the Cashier of the Branch tendered the same amount in U. S. Treasury Demand Notes, par with specie.

The officers of the Bank here believe the U. S. Demand Treasury Notes to be a legal tender, and proposed to redeem their issues in them. The act of Congress makes them equal to gold and silver, and we notice by our Eastern exchanges that there notes are now at a premium in New York city. For all legitimate purposes they will take the place of coin. Judgments can be paid with them and Government lands can be bought with them.

The Indianapolis Branch Bank has about $200,000 of its circulation now in the hands of the people, and they have about $170,000 of surplus capital with which to redeem it. Has any other Western Bank a better foundation?

Items from the Louisville Journal.

Gov. Foote, now a member of the Southern Congress, sought the expulsion of Mr. Benjamin from the Secretaryship of War, and of Mr. Mallory from the Secretaryship of the Navy. He says that Mallory actually asked him the other day whether Forts Henry and Donelson were in Tennessee or Kentucky.

—One of the Memphis papers gives solemn warning that the people of that city, before they will surrender it to the Federal troops, "will demolish it, and sow its site with salt." It is amusing to hear fellows talk in that way, who can't get salt enough to cure their pork, or even to season their hash and boiled eggs.

—Jeff. Davis proclaimed a Fast Day on the occasion of the termination of the Provisional Government. But there is no record of his having been called for a Day of Thanksgiving, while the inauguration of the new rebel dynasty might very appropriately require a Day of Humiliation.

—They say that several of the Confederate military officers lately in Southern Kentucky and now in Tennessee, have taken to hard drink. We should suppose such liquor as

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Capital Stock,	$200,000 00
Surplus,	371,558 26
Assets,	$1,571,577 26
Cash on hand,	41,000 00
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages,	667,000 00
Loans on Collaterals,	267,000 00
Real Estate,	36,700 00
Bonds for interest and Rent,	1,000 00
Due for Premiums,	4,361 97
	$1,071,519 26
Total Liabilities,	19,461 00

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[SEAL.] In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of State, at my office, at Springfield, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1862.

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The Trustees further declared that the Certificates issued by the Company in 1857, be redeemed in cash on and after the 4th day of March, 1862, on presentation to the office of the Company, and that all further interest on the same shall cease at that date. The Trustees have also declared a Scrip Dividend of (10) ten per cent out of the profits of the year 1861, payable the 4th day of March, 1862, to parties entitled to the same by their arrangement with the Company, deliverable on or after the 4th day of March, 1862.

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THE CITY.

☞ Dr. Charles Jewett will speak on temperance at the lecture room of the First Baptist Church on Saturday evening at 7½ o'clock.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS.—By advertisement in another column it will be observed that the only original Christy's Minstrels are shortly to appear in this city at Metropolitan Hall.

☞ Rt. Rev. Bishop Duggan will deliver his first Lenten lecture in St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening, March 9th, at 7½ o'clock. The proceeds are to be given for the relief of the sick at Camp Douglas. Tickets 25 cents.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS.—The 14th regiment Wisconsin volunteers, Col. D. E. Wood, will leave Fond du Lac this morning at 9 o'clock, and arrive at the depot of the Northwestern Railway at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

SUPERVISORS AT CAMP DOUGLAS.—The County Board of Supervisors accepted the invitation tendered by Col. Mulligan, and visited the Fort Donelson prisoners at the Camp yesterday.

☞ The stock of books at number 118 Randolph street is being disposed of at auction by evening sales. During this evening the entire stock will be closed out, together with all the fixtures, shelving, show cases, gas fixtures, &c.

INFANTICIDE.—The body of a female child was found yesterday morning under the stern of a boat lying in the river, near Lake street bridge. Coroner James held an inquest, but nothing regarding the particulars of the crime was adduced.

OBITUARY.—The funeral sermon of Jefferson W. Roberts, late Cashier of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad, will be preached at the First Baptist Church, on Sunday evening, the 9th inst., at 7½ o'clock. His friends are requested to meet at the Sherman House parlors by 7 o'clock on that evening.

SOLDIERS' LETTERS.—Some misapprehension of a paragraph in yesterday's TRIBUNE, renders it necessary to say, that letters to volunteers follow the army, wherever the latter may go. Write plainly, after the name, the company and regiment to which the party addressed belongs, and the letter in due time will reach the proper person.

MORTALITY AT CAMP DOUGLAS.—Since our last report the following deaths have occurred among the Fort Donelson prisoners, all from pneumonia:

March 7—H. T. Holler, Co. F, 3d Miss. regiment.
" Wm. Davis, Co. H, 26th Tennessee.
" Edward Wallace, Co. B, 14th Miss.
" Joseph Manning, Co. G, 7th TEXAS.

Previously reported.....25
Total.....30

TIMELY NOTICE.—The Board of Public Works, in view of a probable "break up" of the river within a few days, suggest to owners of vessels moored to the banks of the river, to prepare for any sudden gorge of ice that may possibly occur. They advise that in every case, the vessel should be cut loose from the surrounding ice, and as a further protection, to cut or saw parallel lines extending as far down towards the mouth of the river, as may be necessary, to clear the ice and give it free passage to the lake. A little timely labor may save much loss—damage to shipping and property in store along the banks of the river.

REBEL SURGEONS FOR CAMP DOUGLAS.—Drs. Samuel P. Johnson, of Virginia; B. N. Croxton, of the Third Alabama; J. F. Kennedy, of the Fourteenth Mississippi; Kelby Williams, of same; Robert A. Felton, of TEXAS; E. G. Rothrock, of the Second Kentucky; R. A. Gorlier, of the Seventh Texas, and W. W. Moody, of the Third Mississippi, have arrived in this city, having been released from confinement by Gen. Halleck upon their parole, to attend to the sick and wounded Fort Donelson prisoners at Camp Douglas. Drs. H. Griffin, of the Fiftieth Virginia; M. M. Johnson, of the Fifty-third Tennessee; E. G. Greenlee, of the Second Kentucky, and D. A. Linthicum, of the same, are assigned to Indianapolis.

AID FOR THE SICK AT FORT HENRY.—The appeal of Dr. McVicker for aid for our sick soldiers at Fort Henry, has been responded to most liberally so far as relates to comforts and luxuries, by the ladies of the Camp Douglas Hospital Association and the ladies of Dr. Hannah's First Presbyterian Church. A large store of dried and can fruits, blankets, hospital sheets and drawers are collected and will be forwarded to the hospital on Monday. These will relieve present wants, but the charitable must remember that three hundred sick persons consume a large amount of stores, and that, therefore, their charity should be continuous and increasing. No additional surgeons have as yet offered their services.

DEATH OF SURGEON HENRY S. BLOOD.—On the 8th of February last the Fifty-Seventh regiment, Colonel S. D. Baldwin, left Camp Douglas, where it had been some time encamped, for the scene of strife in the South. It participated with honor in the taking of Fort Donelson. With that command went Dr. Henry S. Blood, a young physician of the West Division, as assistant Surgeon. The remains of Dr. Blood arrived here in charge of Lieutenant Otis, yesterday morning, direct from Fort Henry, where he died from an attack of pleurisy on Tuesday morning. Surgeon Blood was a man of about thirty-three years, and leaves a wife in Massachusetts to mourn his loss. The corpse will be placed in the vault at the cemetery to await the disposal of the friends of the deceased.

LIBEL ON A GOOD UNION MAN.—A statement has lately been going the rounds of newspaperdom which does great injustice to a gentleman of this city by the name of Nellis. It is to the effect that among the prisoners arriving at Alton from Fort Henry, Tennessee, was Mr. J. Nellis, a saddler who formerly worked for Turner & Sidway, in Chicago, and was at one time boss of a gang of convicts in the penitentiary, before the new penitentiary was built. The article adds: "So he is back in his old quarters again, although in a rather less honorable position." We are satisfied from a personal knowledge of Mr. Nellis, that the paragraph is untrue in every particular, so far as it concerns that gentleman. Since the first of January he has been in the employ of Messrs. Dennis & Horton; from August to December of last year, he worked for Messrs. Conklin, Wooley & Co., and then a month for Messrs. Turner & Sidway. This being true, it would be an utter impossibility that he should be a captured rebel at Fort Henry, an event that must have occurred in February, while Mr. N. was peacefully pursuing his calling in Chicago. We make this explanation, inasmuch as the libel has circulated somewhat extensively among his friends at the East, and left a bad impression of a good, Union-loving citizen.

Informal Meeting of the Common Council.

An informal meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon at the Council Chamber, to consider the subject of police accommodations. The following members were present: Mayor Rumsey, Aldermen Hoyt, Joy, Throop, Beauchamp, Frost, Holden, Botsford, Solomon, Comstock, White, Prindiville, Perkins, Blanchard and Cook.

A. C. Coventry, Esq., one of the Police Commissioners, appeared before the Aldermen with a voluminous collection of documents, plats of beats, statistics, specifications and tables connected with the police business, to ask an increase of the regular police force. He argued that the city should be freed from the private preventive police system, and that more men should be put upon the beats now under the care of the police. The people had petitioned the Common Council, for an increase of patrolmen, and such an increase was actually required by the exigencies of the case, more especially in the Southern portion of the city. He was also in favor of an increase on the North and West sides. He did not think the city could be fairly and safely run during another season without at least one hundred and six policemen. The cost of the present force is not quite $60,000 per annum. It would require an expenditure of about $90,000 more to cover the proposed addition.

Mr. Coventry has been traveling extensively in the Western States for the purpose of inquiring into the manner in which police business is transacted in the larger cities. In New York it is found necessary to appoint one policemen to every eight hundred of population. In Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston, one to every thousand. In Chicago, a city covering more than one of ground, than perhaps any other city in the known world, we have a police force numbering of about one man for two thousand. He thought that for the amount of police protection, Chicago would compare favorably with any of the places he had visited.

The meeting adjourned without formal action.

Revolting Crime of a Parent.

An outrage of the blackest and most revolting character, and which will almost stagger the most inveterate opponent of the dogma of the total depravity of the human race, was made public in this city yesterday. A doubt may well arise in the mind of the reader of what follows, whether the wretch who could be guilty of a deed of such damning darkness should be classed as a human being. The crime alluded to is that of a father outraging the person of his own daughter. The facts, as far as yet revealed, are as follows:

A man by the name Norman S. Avery, who lately kept an eating house in the basement, corner of Randolph and Clark street, came to this city from Buffalo, deserting his wife and three children—the latter comprising a daughter and two sons—some seven years since. The daughter, now about sixteen or seventeen years of age, lately hearing of his whereabouts wrote him a tender and heart-touching letter. He responded and requested her to come on to Chicago and cheer his lonely home by acting as his housekeeper. She gladly consented, thinking thereby to gain a good home and the care and protection of a father.

In accordance with a mutual arrangement soon afterwards entered into, Martha Avery left her mother and arrived here by rail on the last Christmas eve, at about eleven o'clock at night. Her father met her at the depot and conveyed her to his rooms on Wells street where they sat and chatted until a late hour. He then showed her into his apartment, saying that he would occupy a lounge in the sitting room. Then followed the deed without a name. She had been in bed but a short time when Avery came to her room, pelted her to endure his presence near her, and finally, by the use of force and threats, completed the dastardly outrage upon her person. The young girl was a stranger in a strange land. Her natural protector had become her most deadly enemy. She knew not what to do, or in which direction to turn for aid or counsel. There seemed to her no other alternative than to hold her peace, which she did, revealing her horrible secret to no person, until Thursday, when she confided her troubles to a lady whose acquaintance she had formed. This lady advised an applichtion to the District Attorney. This was accordingly made, and the result was the arrest of the unnatural parent, a partial examination before Justice Davis, a continuance to the jurisdiction of Justice Brown, and the further continuance of the case to Tuesday, the 18th inst., when a full examination of the matter will be entered into. The bail was fixed at $500. The sum might have been the same had Avery, instead of being charged with incest, been suspected of the larceny of a small sum of money.

The above relation is from the statement made to the magistrates by the girl, Martha Avery, under oath. For the sake of common humanity, it is to be hoped they are too highly colored; but should they prove entirely correct, a blacker depth of depravity it were impossible to conceive, and an adequate punishment for the offense it were impossible to select from the too limited and too tender pains of this earth.

A Secession Editor in Chicago.

[From the Detroit Advertiser.]

The present editor of the Chicago *Times* was, until recently, editor of the Detroit *Free Press*. Long after the Southern conspirators commenced the war upon the Government by seizing forts, arsenals, navy yards, stealing paymaster arms, and other property, he continued to oppose any attempt to coerce them, and to encourage them in their robberies. All his influence was used through the columns of the *Free Press* to produce an insurrection at the North in defense of the conspirators. He declared more than once that if there should be an attempt made in Michigan to raise troops for the suppression of the rebellion, there would be a counter movement in behalf of the South, and a "fire in the rear" commenced upon them; thus threatening civil war here upon the soil of Michigan. After the fall of Sumpter, he kept up his treasonable attacks upon the Government until our people became so outraged at his course as to threaten his office. Finding how odious he had become here, he sold out and went to Chicago, where he hoped to have a free as well as a larger field for disseminating his treason. Since he has been there, he has given free vent to his secession sympathies. His correspondents understand his tastes, and take care to furnish no information, and make no statements that are not in harmony with them.

Company A, Chicago Light Artillery.

CHICAGO TRIB., March 7th, 1862.

Editors Chicago Tribune:

YOUR motto of "*Honor to whom honor is due*," will probably be reason sufficient for publishing the following extract from a letter from Mr. W. L. Southworth, dated Fort Hickman, near Fort Henry, February 28th, 1862, received here March 8th, via Cairo. It shows the part taken in the battle of Fort Donelson by company A, Chicago Light Artillery, and as company B has been awarded all the merit deserved, for their part in the fight, it is but justice that company A should be awarded the praise and thanks their action deserves.

Respectfully yours,

J. J. RICHARDS.

FORT HICKMAN, OPPOSITE FORT HENRY, February 28th, 1862.

DEAR FRIEND—I have just read the TRIBUNE correspondent's account of the capture of Fort Donelson, and the part taken in the affair by company B, Chicago Artillery. But he entirely overlooks the important service by company A, Chicago Light Artillery, under command of Lieut. F. P. Hoeing, and gives a correct account of the whole affair of the morning of the 15th, with the exception, that company B should be substituted for company B—as they are fully allowed the credit of saving the day.

I will now and give you some idea of their part in the fight, but briefly.

Company A left here (Fort Hieman) Friday at 4 P. M., in the most inclement weather, crossing the Tennessee river, immediately marching across the country for the battle ground, which is some twelve miles distant, over roads so cut up by rains and travel as to be knee deep in mud. They camped at midnight some four miles from Fort Donelson, and at early morn on the 15th, immediately on arriving at the scene of the conflict, which was in a country dense with wood and brush, they pushed forward on a run for the right wing, where Wallace's brigade was stationed and the sharpest fighting going on. They had not gone but a few rods before they were (Co. B) slowly retreating and firing, so sharply pushed by the enemy that it was admitted by their own men and officers that they would have to desert their guns or be taken by the hands of the enemy. In fact Sergeant Towner had his mallet and spike in his hands to spike a gun when Company A came up, clearing up the road, planted two guns of theirin position, and blazed away. Company B, being nearly cut to pieces, ammunition, shortly drew off. The boys went to work with a will, the balls and bullets flying thicker than the woods like hail. Nearer and nearer came the rebels, until they arrived within 150 yards, when the canister which our guns belched out proved too much for them, and they were defeated in their object of being successfully thwarted in their design to break our right wing, and thus make a loop hole for the escape of the entire rebel army. Company A was flanked by the noble 1st Nebraska regiment, and the retreat of the enemy was followed up, and the ground left held by the 11th Indiana and 8th Missouri boys, two of the best regiments in the United States service. In this work was to detract from the laurels of Company B—far from it. Our boys are loud in their praises as good fighters, but we cannot sit quietly by, and hear other companies credited to the exclusion of the very services done by ourselves. If you can only see Wallace's report, all will be right—as he gives due credit to all. The slaughter—and the rebels themselves say we gave them "intensified hell" in about twenty minutes. I write you as near the letter sitting of this Board, as permitted by all here, and by Taylor and his men, Co. A, and the 8th Missouri, 11th Indiana, 1st Nebraska, and one company of the 2d Illinois, saved the day.

The battery was in command of Lieut. F. P. Wood, Sergeant Hoeing not having arrived on the ground in time to assume command. * *

Yours truly,

W. L. SOUTHWORTH.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The following is an extract from a letter written by a member of Co. A, Chicago Light Artillery, who was in the battle:

Our company set out from Fort Henry for the field of battle early on Saturday morning, distant 15 miles by the road, and as awful road it was, and about a foot deep. About 13 o'clock we reached the spot where Co. A's guns were planted, just in front of which was Taylor's Battery, on the right wing of our army, the most desperate part of the whole field. Of the bravery and execution of both our Chicago batteries I cannot speak in too much praise. Co. A had just arrived that morning, and as they were tearing through the bushes to get to their position, the rebels were making a desperate sally to break the line and get out. They were getting out of ammunition when in came our boys, who planted two guns alongside of them and went in with a vim that astonished all. How the bullets and shell did rattle through those woods! The cannoniers laid flat on their backs as soon as they loaded and up again after every discharge. Gen. Wallace was among them, giving cheering advice and encouraging delight. Out of the action of the batteries. After a few shells had been thrown, the enemy to the number of about 2,000 made a charge through the woods to take the battery and carried part of it. We were flanked on the right by the noble 1st Nebraska, and on the left by the Sharpshooters of Illinois, and when just pushed to the rear, the rebels having approached to within 150 yards, when they were forced to retreat, leaving piles of dead and wounded on the field—carrying off all they could. Co. C boys were not half satisfied with but half an hour's fighting. Company A had but one man wounded, and he just touched. But the cannons were dangerous and miraculous. Only one horse was shot. Company B lost 1 man killed, and some 7 or 8 wounded. One team was shot through with a shell.

The walk over the battle field after the surrender, was the most horrid sight I ever long to look. I counted on one field 72 dead men of the 11th Illinois, 16 of the 30th Illinois, and 14 or 15 of the 31st. On Monday I took another walk around and found two wounded men of the 31st, who had lain in the woods two days and nights without any drink or shelter. One of the nights it rained and was cold all the time. As I lifted one man into an ambulance, I saw him draw his last breath. We returned here yesterday across the country.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

ROSENFIELD & ROSENBERG, }
vs.
LAZARUS SILVERMAN. }

This was the pioneer case growing out of the currency break-down last Spring. The suit was brought to recover an amount deposited by plaintiffs with defendant in the months of March, April and May last—in all, $1,199.23. The deposits consisted of depreciated Illinois bank notes, and the defense claimed that the plaintiffs could only recover the value of the deposits at the time they were made.

Besides, the defendant claimed an offset to the amount of $1,554.04, for which he held plaintiffs' check on the Marine Bank, dated April 26, 1861, which, on presentment, the Bank refused to pay in anything but Illinois currency. This was on the 10th of June. The note was protested and plaintiffs asked to pay it in par funds, which both they and the Bank refused to do.

It was claimed by plaintiffs that they were discharged by reason of delay in presenting the check for payment.

Evidence was offered to show that at the time the check was drawn the Bank was *unable* to pay its debts in par funds; that the check would at no time have been paid in any other than the depreciated bank notes actually tendered; but that, on the 10th of June, the Bank would have paid in a specie amount, or an amount calling for par funds, dollar for dollar in full.

A variety of legal questions were discussed growing out of the case, by the counsel, and voluminous instructions on both sides were given to the jury.

The jury, after being out a few hours, found a verdict for the plaintiffs for their account in full, disallowing the offset upon the check. Messrs. W. K. McAllister and J. H. Roberts conducted the case for the plaintiffs, and E. Martin and Arthur W. Windett appeared for the defense. A motion for a new trial is entered.

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY.—*Before Judge Manierre.*—No. 36—Charles Wicke vs. John Hinsman; Jury came into Court with a verdict for the defendant. Motion by plaintiff for a new trial. No. 40—Curtis Lee, assignee of Lyman A. Rice vs. Henry Wm. Colby. Confession. Judgment on filing of narrand cognovit in open Court for $2,867.50. A. Moody sworn as to the execution of Power of Attorney attached to note. No. 327—Hannah Bird et al. by P. F. Sheridan et al.; cause reinstated on motion of plaintiff's attorney. No. 69—James B. Walker et al vs Henry H. Monroe et al.; will dismissed at plaintiff's costs. No. 495—City of Chicago vs. George Reynolds. Same order. No. 239—Schachter & Dodge vs. Willard Stevens; Decree. No.—Chancery. Loomis vs. Sherman. Decree. No.—Chancery. Loomis vs. Sherman. Decree. No. 67—Marvin B. Stout vs. Charles Campbell et al. Decree of sale. No. 68—Same vs. Same. Decree of sale. No. 69—Same vs. Same. Decree of sale. No. 70—Same vs. Same. Decree of sale. No. 71—Same vs. Same. Decree of sale. No. 72—Same vs. Same. Decree of sale. No.